

## News story: PM meets His Highness the Aga Khan: 27 June 2018

This afternoon the Prime Minister held a bilateral meeting with His Highness the Aga Khan.

She congratulated him on his longstanding leadership of the Ismaili community and on his visit to the UK as part of his Diamond Jubilee tour.

The Prime Minister thanked His Highness the Aga Khan for his foundation's activities around the world to improve understanding of Islam as a peaceful and tolerant religion. She also thanked him for his support of the UK government's agendas on integration and improving understanding of Muslim cultures.

The Prime Minister welcomed the educational and cultural contribution to the UK made by the Aga Khan's institutions, demonstrated by the new Aga Khan Centre in King's Cross. She also commended the vital work being done between the Department for International Development and the Aga Khan Foundation to deliver girls' educational programmes in Central Asia, Tanzania and Afghanistan.

Finally, the Prime Minister reaffirmed the UK government's commitment to freedom of religion or belief as a fundamental right, and confirmed her interest in working with His Highness the Aga Khan and other faith leaders to promote better respect, collaboration and tolerance between religious communities internationally.